

04 V-shaped and deepest at the corner sections, wherein the first indentation is substantially V-shaped in a plane extending substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis.

17. (Amended) The drum of claim 10, wherein the drum defines a drum height along the longitudinal axis and between the end portions, wherein the indentations are disposed in a plane located at about 30% to about 70% of the drum height.

34. (Amended) A drum comprising:

a side wall comprising a plurality of side wall sections connected by corner sections, the side wall having end portions disposed at longitudinal ends thereof, wherein the drum defines a longitudinal axis between the end portions;

first and second end walls located adjacent the end portions, the first end wall defining a fill/drain opening therein;

a circumferential carrying and transport rim disposed on the drum and configured for carrying the drum with drum handling equipment; and

an angular indentation formed on the side wall intermediate the end walls, wherein the indentation is deeper at the corner sections than it is at a point on at least one of the side wall sections intermediate the corner sections, and the indentation is substantially V-shaped in a plane extending substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis.

35. (Amended) The drum of claim 34, wherein the indentation is shallowest at a point on the side wall sections intermediate the corner sections.

36. (Amended) The drum of claim 34, wherein the indentation is substantially V-shaped and deepest at the corner sections.

43. (Amended) The drum of claim 39, wherein the indentation is substantially V-shaped and deepest at the corner sections.

45. (Amended) A drum comprising:

a side wall comprising a plurality of side wall sections connected by corner sections, the side wall having end portions disposed at longitudinal ends thereof;

first and second end walls located adjacent the end portions, the first end wall defining a fill/drain opening therein;

a circumferential carrying and transport rim disposed on the drum and configured for carrying the drum with drum handling equipment; and

an indentation formed on the side wall intermediate the end walls;

wherein:

the indentation defines a vertical thickness that varies around the circumference of the side wall; and

the indentation is deeper at the corner sections than it is at a point on at least one of the side wall sections intermediate the corner sections.

Please cancel claims 30, 37 and 42, without prejudice.